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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Gingerbread boy folk stories were enjoyed in an old fashioned Christmas setting during our December Winter party. Our museum was decorated with gum drops, candy canes and bubble lights. Displays of rhinestone, black and cut glass buttons enhanced the glow and happy atmosphere. Young and old alike were delighted, but especially the two lucky children who carried off prizes - a gingerbread house and a gingerbread train - at the end of the day. This is the spirit we all look forward to during the holiday season. We hope you had a wonderful time, too.

NEW DAY - NEW HOURS

Our museum hours now are TUESDAYS 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Come and see what your membership has done for your community. Our museum displays are changed frequently. Stop in. Invite a friend or bring one with you.. You'll like what you see.

For information or appointments, please call 535-9060

MORE GOOD NEWS

The Talent Historical Society is eligible now for funds from the Jackson County Historical Fund. In the past, Southern Oregon Society received most of these funds. Now, however, many cities within the county are organizing their own historical society. New this year are Talent and Camp White. Other Societies are Woodville, Big Butte, Gold Hill, Eagle Point and Lake Creek.

This year Southern Oregon Historical Society and County Commissioner Jack Walker have agreed on the following allocation of a two million dollar fund:
75% to SOHS, 12.5% to the County and 12.5% to the seven smaller Societies.

The Board has been very pleased and encouraged by the tremendous response to all our great programs since our Grand Opening in July. To date we have had over 1,000 visitors and we have given out information that is beneficial not only to Talent but for the entire County.

OUR SYMPATHY

William Bagley, long time friend and worker in our community, died in December 1995. He was co-founder of THS and served on the Board. He also served on the Board of Stearns Cemetery and helped his wife, Mary, in her work with the Garden Club. Bill was very generous with his time and finances in our community. He will be sorely missed and difficult to replace in many areas.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to those who have contributed to a Memorial Fund in remembrance of Lida Childers and Bill Bagley. The Board voted to put Memorial donations into a savings account. To date we have received \$880.00. Thank you all.

OTHER NEWS

We have withdrawn our offer to restore the Talent Community Center, and have so advised the City Council through our liaison, Joi Riley. The City is eligible now to apply for its own money from the Jackson County Historical Fund.

Members of the THS met Sunday, February 18, to work on the proposed budget which must be presented to the Jackson County Historical Society before March 1st. All members and persons interested in the work done by the Board of Directors are welcome to attend meetings held on the first Sunday of each month - 1:30 p.m. at the Talent Historical Society Museum. The next meeting will be March 3rd.

PLANNED PROJECTS - 1996-1997

1. Select site for our own facility
2. Participate with Talent Lions Club regarding Fort Wagner Historical monument
3. Applegate Sesquicentennial Activities - October '96
4. Sponsor and advise Boy Scout Troop #110 regarding Talent Avenue for Historical Trail Program
5. Bob Day - Robert Emmerico "Pippy" the Clown - July
6. History Making Day - May
7. Fourth of July parade in Ashland
8. Veterans Day - November
9. Winter Party
10. Fund raising and membership drive - Oct. - Dec. mailer

MARCH

WOMAN'S HISTORY MAKING MONTH

Come join the party!

Talent Historical Society is pleased to introduce you to Yvonne Reynolds, who is a member and chairs our Oral Histories. She has just written a book, TALENT - Worth It's Weight In Gold.

THS is sponsoring its Premier and book signing party on Friday, March 1st. The Talent Garden Club will host a tea beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Classic Trolley Cars of Talent will give tours.

Books will be on sale at the Community Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We hope to see all of you there.